

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-18 are pending. Claims 1-18 stand rejected.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

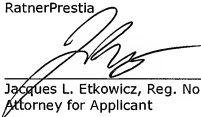
The Office Action sets forth at page 2, "Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention." Specifically, claims 1, 4, 6, 12, 14 and 16 are rejected for containing terms that are unclear or lack antecedent basis. Applicant has appropriately amended these claims as well as claims 3 and 18 for consistency with the remaining claims. Applicant respectfully submits, therefore, that the rejection of claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is overcome. An indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes that the Office has not cited any prior art against the claims.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, applicant submits that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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